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BANK ROBBER SENTENCED

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that DAILON T. RIPPY, 20, Indianapolis, Indiana, was sentenced to 154 months imprisonment by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his previously entered guilty plea to two counts of armed bank robbery and one count of use of a firearm during a crime of violence. This case was the result of a investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Marion County Sheriff's Department.

The first bank robbery occurred on November 17, 2003, at the Key Bank, 2433 Lake Circle Drive, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana; and the second occurred on November 17, 2003, at the National City Bank, 7040 North College Avenue, Indianapolis, Marion County, Indiana.

In each case witnesses and surveillance photos indicated that two males entered the bank and demanded money by use of a note and display of a small silver-colored handgun.

The robbers provided a plastic shopping bag to the victim teller in each case in which to place the currency. Witnesses in each case observed the robbers flee in a gold Ford Taurus station wagon.

On November 18, 2003, a gold Ford Taurus station wagon matching the description of the one used in the bank robberies was stopped by law enforcement officers. The sole occupant and driver of the car was RIPPY's co-defendant, William J. Sebree. Sebree advised that he owned the vehicle and consented to a search. The search disclosed a small silver handgun and a multiple color shirt matching the description of the shirt worn by the robber during the robbery of the Key Bank, 2433 Lake Circle Drive, Indianapolis, the previous day. Inside the pocket was a note on which was printed, "This is not a joke; Give me all your 100s, 50's, 20's; Put it in the bag; Do not pull from the top. Only from the Bottom; You have 30 seconds; Go now." Also disclosed in the search was a cap, a sweatshirt, multiple pairs of sunglasses, and multiple plastic grocery bags, all matching the description of items described at the scene of the robberies.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James M. Warden, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed 5 years supervised release following RIPPY's release from imprisonment. RIPPY was ordered to make restitution in the amount of \$1,600 to Key Bank and \$990 to National City Bank. .

William J. Sebree was previously sentenced in this case on November 24, 2004 to 159 months of imprisonment to be followed by 5 years of supervised release.

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